

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 41

Introduced by Assembly Members Emmerson and Benoit
(Coauthor: Senator Dutton)

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 41—Relative to the Officer James M. Goodman Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 41, as introduced, Emmerson. Officer James M. Goodman Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 10 in San Bernardino County as the Officer James M. Goodman Memorial Highway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this designation and, upon receiving donations from appropriate nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, The role of peace officer is one of the highest
2 vocations of public service and an individual who accepts a calling
3 to serve in that role is worthy of the highest respect and honor that
4 the community, the state, and the nation can provide; and
5 WHEREAS, On June 3, 2004, California Highway Patrol Officer
6 James M. Goodman was killed in the line of duty. Officer
7 Goodman was traveling west in his department motorcycle in the
8 City of Redlands, attempting to overtake a vehicle he believed to
9 be involved in a hit and run accident, when a van, traveling north
10 on Nevada Street, entered the intersection from the south directly

1 in the path of Officer Goodman. Officer Goodman was unable to
2 avoid a collision and broadsided the van; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Goodman thereafter succumbed to the
4 injuries he received from the traffic collision; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Goodman was born on September 11, 1955,
6 in Martinez, California, was raised in the Bay Area, and graduated
7 in 1973 from Pinole High School; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Goodman honorably served in the United
9 States Army for nearly eight years and dedicated four years to
10 reserve duty, ultimately achieving the rank of sergeant; and

11 WHEREAS, Officer Goodman joined the California Highway
12 Patrol on January 9, 1984. After successfully completing his
13 training at the California Highway Patrol Academy, he reported
14 to the Redwood City area on May 24, 1984; and

15 WHEREAS, On August 20, 1985, Officer Goodman was
16 awarded a California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and
17 Training Basic Certificate; and

18 WHEREAS, On April 1, 1987, Officer Goodman transferred to
19 the San Jose area; on May 2, 1989, he was assigned to the Oakland
20 area; on October 1, 1993, he was assigned to the Golden Gate
21 Division; on June 26, 2000, he was assigned to the Oakland area;
22 and on March 1, 2001, he was assigned to the San Bernardino area;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Over the years, Officer Goodman earned numerous
25 certificates of achievement in the field of law enforcement; and

26 WHEREAS, While stationed in the Oakland area, Officer
27 Goodman was the first officer to arrive on scene after the Loma
28 Prieta Earthquake occurred on October 17, 1989; and

29 WHEREAS, On the day of the earthquake, Officer Goodman
30 helped to release a driver trapped under a collapsed portion of
31 State Highway Route 880 by crawling through a small space only
32 accessible by removing several pieces of his safety equipment.
33 For three hours, while the highway continued to settle from
34 aftershocks, he and his colleagues worked to free the driver. In
35 honor of this heroic act, he and two other officers were awarded
36 the Medal of Valor by Former Governor Pete Wilson; and

37 WHEREAS, On November 25, 1989, Officer Goodman received
38 a Meritorious Award from the office of the Mayor of the City of
39 Oakland for his valor, gallantry, and courage during the 1989
40 earthquake; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Goodman made significant contributions
2 to traffic safety and to the motoring public while serving at each
3 assigned area; and

4 WHEREAS, Officer Goodman served for 20 years as a sworn
5 peace officer for the California Highway Patrol and was known
6 by his fellow officers for his outstanding dedication to the
7 department and to the protection of the citizens of our state; and

8 WHEREAS, Officer Goodman is survived by his wife, Patti,
9 his sons, Jacob and Joshua, his parents, Bill and Ruby, his brothers,
10 Lee and Lynn, his sisters, Bonnie and Betty, and many nieces,
11 nephews, and cousins; now, therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates, in
14 acknowledgment of the many years of dedicated service provided
15 by Officer Goodman to the citizens of California, the portion of
16 State Highway Route 10 between mile markers 25.26 and 29.82
17 in San Bernardino County as the Officer James M. Goodman
18 Memorial Highway; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
20 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
21 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
22 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations
23 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
24 be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
26 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
27 author for appropriate distribution.